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Peninsula Division Members and Friends:

Thank you for all of your work to support the advancement of SB 1. Today, the bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee and will move to the Senate Floor for a vote next week. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like a break-down of the availability of funding for your city.

--Seth

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Beall's SB 1 Wins Appropriations Committee Approval

SACRAMENTO –Senate Bill 1, Senator Jim Beall's proposal to repair California's deteriorating transportation infrastructure, won approval today in the Senate Appropriations Committee today with Governor Brown testifying in support of the bill.

The committee voted 5 to 2 to send the bill to the Senate floor. The bill, which raises $5 billion annually for road repairs and transit, requires a two-thirds majority to move on to the Assembly.

Both Beall and Brown said California can no longer afford to wait to tackle long-delayed repairs of both state and local government roads, highways and bridges. Delaying action means repairs will cost even more as road conditions continue to grow worse.

"It's not about politics,'' Brown said. "It's about fixing roads we all drive on. This is fundamental and basic to government.''

Beall pointed out SB 1 does more than repair roads; it creates jobs. “This bill will come with economic benefit to the state of California,’’ he said, adding that it establishes pre-apprenticeship programs and reaches out to small independent businesses and contractors.

Beall said SB 1 includes reforms such as the appointment of a Caltrans inspector general to monitor the use of the new revenue. He also pointed out SCA 2, a constitutional amendment proposed by Senator Josh Newman, D-Fullerton, would provide an additional safeguard by putting money raised for transportation purposes into a lockbox.

The Legislature has not increased funding for transportation in 23 years. Today, road repairs now receive only 50 percent of the funding they did in 1994 and as a result California’s crumbling roads rank 45th in the nation. The poor condition of the roads costs drivers an average of $762 annually in repairs and accelerated depreciation.

Under SB 1, a consensus transportation package proposed by the Legislature’s leadership and Gov. Brown based on Beall’s bill, most drivers would see increased costs of about $10 per month.

The bill calls for adjusting the gasoline excise tax by 12 cents per gallon and it would end the Board of Equalization’s annual adjustment; increasing the diesel excise tax by 20 cents per gallon and increasing the diesel sales tax by 4 percent.

The bill, if passed, would also institute a Transportation Improvement Fee that ranges from $25 to $175, beginning in the spring of 2018. The fee is based on the vehicle’s value. Forty-six percent of all cars would fall under the $25 fee. Owners of zero-emission vehicles would pay a $100 per vehicle fee starting in 2020 with the fee decreasing as the vehicle depreciates.

The bill would channel $3 billion for state, city, and county road repairs. The money would be divided on a 50-50 basis between the state and local governments.

In addition:

- $750 million would go toward transit operations and maintenance.
- $400 million for bridge repairs and maintenance.
- $300 million for trade corridors.
- $250 for congested commute corridors.

- $200 million for local partnerships for “self-help’’ counties.
- $100 million for Active Transportation Programs.
- One-time loan repayments -- $236 million for transit capital; $225 million for state highway maintenance; and $225 million for local streets and roads maintenance.

SB 1 will be heard on the Senate floor later this week. If it is approved, the bill will be sent to the Assembly.

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